

Jap Reinforcements Hit

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Tribute to Volunteer Workers

Criticism Falls on Paid Bureaus

A press release came to my desk from the OWI (Office of War Information) praising the work of the 78 local war price and rationing boards of Arkansas—and simple justice to the host of volunteer workers in the war effort demands that it be published.

"The local war price and rationing board members," OWI reminds us, "serve without pay and are doing an excellent volunteer patriotic work in seeing that their neighbors receive fair treatment in the parceling out of goods made scarce by the war."

"Not only do these board members give freely of their time without cost to the government, but they receive no special favors in the rationing setup. For instance, a local board member receives gasoline rations on the same basis as any other citizen, except that they are allowed to include actual mileage to and from board meetings in their occupational driving."

The same tribute is due the local Selective Service boards and all the other voluntary groups serving without pay all over America because of the war emergency.

In fact the only quarrel John Citizen has with his government in war-time is not here at home but in the distant policy-making headquarters.

Senator Harry F. Byrd, Virginia Democrat, hit at what the people are thinking about last week-end in a speech at Boston when he charged that the New Deal puts the "war to reform."

The senator charged that the New Deal had maintained and increased its "social reforms" at the expense of armament production even while asking the common people to go "all out" for war. Rationing of the common people's necessities, demand that longer hours be worked in the armament plants as a matter of simple justice.

And he favored liquidating a large part of the government's typewriter force by taking them off the civil payrolls and putting them into either the Army or the war plants.

This is what is meant by "all war"—and the very fact that common citizens are having to give free time to such tasks as handling rationing and Selective Service ought to tell our leaders that unless they clean out their civil payrolls and release thousands to the Army or war work there is going to be a drastic shakeup in the leadership in Washington... which, late as it is, will probably happen anyway.

Successful Test Blackout Is Reported

Omaha, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Seventh defense region officials began plans today for an unannounced blackout in nine midwestern states which last night underwent a scheduled simultaneous 20-minute blackout described as a "complete success" by defense officials.

"The blackout proved to me what I have always contended—the Midwest is not complacent about the war," Regional Civilian Defense Director Joseph Scholtz declared. "It was a hundred per cent blackout. The middle-west is ready for anything."

Brig. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, national commander of the United States Citizens Defense Corps, said the blackout, the biggest test of civilian defense organization ever attempted in the United States, "far exceeded my expectations." The "unannounced blackout will come, Scholtz promised, "in the not too distant future."

Last night's blackout test, covering Colorado, Wyoming, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri and Kansas, was marred by a few mishaps. Charles H. Graby, an assistant air raid warden, was killed by a police car at Creston, Iowa, a few minutes after the start of the blackout. Police Chief William Hatt said Graby, on duty on the outskirts of the city, apparently

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To Reduce Automobile Collision Insurance

New York, Dec. 14 —(AP)—Many automobile owners in Arkansas and 29 other states will be given a reduction in collision insurance premiums, the national automobile underwriters' association announced here.

Holders of "A" rating cards will get a 20 per cent reduction and "B" card holders will get 10 per cent. The change was effective as of Dec. 1.

U. S. Should Be Ready for Push by End Summer

—Washington

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Washington, Dec. 15 —(AP)—American air, sea and land forces, according to all available indications, should have by late next summer the weapons to begin a series of powerful drives against the Axis.

The battles which will then ensue, particularly in the Pacific, probably will make most of the actions to date look like glorified skirmishes by comparison.

This picture of war in the making comes from recent official disclosures on the production of giant planes, aircraft carriers and battleships and other formidable new weapons or improved types of old ones.

Here are the high spots of those disclosures:

Bombing planes—great new bombers are on the way and may soon begin to show up in small numbers on the world's fighting fronts.

Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of army air forces, said in a speech Sunday that they would make the present Flying Fortress look just like small planes.

Judged by usual standards of secrecy, Arnold's revelation of the existence of these giants certainly was not made until they were actually in production. Assuming that long-range plans for quantity output were made long since, they should be reaching the battle zones in quantity six or eight months from now.

Only last night the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp., announced development of a "radical" new tank—carrying cargo plane which also can transport guns, ammunition, supplies and troops to distant fronts.

Aircraft carriers—since last July three regular carriers and three converted from cruisers which were still on the ways have been launched. Formerly it took a year in launching date to put a carrier in commission but this has probably been cut under the Navy speedup by two or four months.

Thus new carriers should begin to join the fleet early in 1943 and thereafter go into service in ever-increasing numbers. By fall the carrier force—at present seriously depleted—should be considerably more powerful than any opposing force Japan can bring against us. From its decks will operate vastly improved types of dive and torpedo bombers and fighter planes.

Battleships—The new 35,000-ton Washington, North Carolina, South Dakota and Massachusetts are already in service. The Indiana and Alabama, of the same tonnage, were launched in November 1941 and February 1942 respectively.

The 45,000-ton Iowa hit the water last August and the New Jersey, the same class, only this month. James V. Forrestal, Navy under-secretary, gave a clue to the speed with which these huge battlewagons are being put into service by declaring that the New Jersey's launching that ship would be commissioned within five months.

Other Naval craft—Battleships and carriers do not operate without supporting squadrons of cruisers and destroyers and Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the United States fleet, is authority for the statement that 1943 will see the fleet swelled by numbers of these vessels.

Guns—Little has been revealed about the development or improvement of guns although that obviously must be one of the main concerns of all munitions research and design. General Arnold said in his Sunday speech, in which he cryptically referred to secret new weapons of aerial warfare, that one new piece of airplane armament would make the present powerful .50 caliber machine gun look like a pea shooter.

It may be assumed as a certainty that behind the on-the-record information about new weapons are many other developments which for reasons of military security and surprise cannot be reported until after they have been in use. These may not be very spectacular but still possess great tactical value, like the parachute bombs which our airmen now use in low-flying attacks against enemy troops.

Airplane carriers will spearhead the drives against Japan's own protective rings of island bases. The attacks on these have always been considered most costly operations, especially because of land-based planes which probably would give a task force of two or three carriers considerable trouble.

Naval airmen, however, predict that such attacks will be made not by two or three carriers but by a

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Allied Airpower Grows in Africa War Theater; Rommel in Full Retreat

—Africa

By The Associated Press
London, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Airpower, grown to such strength that bombers coursed over Tunis for four hours, was tipping the scales against the Axis today in the battle of North Africa as Marshal Rommel's Libyan Army retreated from the Gulf of Sirte coast in central Libya.

North African dispatches said the assault upon Tunis was coupled with new raids on Bizerte and Soussa and that opposition over these Axis bastions likewise was weak. There Messerschmitts were reported destroyed and other damaged out of nine of the enemy fighters which rose to challenge American Flying Fortresses attacking the Bizerte waterfront.

The pace of the British Eighth Army's pursuit of Rommel was not disclosed, but some estimates placed British advanced forces in Tripolitania beyond the Marble Arch airfield, 40 miles west of El Agheila.

Military observers were surprised at the weakness of the Axis stand on the El Agheila line.

Observers in London said that even after the defeat in Egypt Rommel should have been able to muster sufficient force for a more spirited defense in the favorable El Agheila area, some of which, they added, still might not have been cleared of all Axis forces.

On the long, waterless road of withdrawal, and at the Tunisian supply ports at the other end of the North African front, British and American planes were taking a terrific toll.

The Cairo communiqué said "the most successful attacks yet recorded" were made on the harbors of Tunis and its port of La Goulette, Sunday night.

Cairo, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Axis army is continuing the retreat from positions at El Agheila, leaving only weak rearguards to offer weak opposition to the advancing British Eighth Army, the British announced today.

The retreating Axis troops have, however, left large mine fields

along the trail leading to Tripoli, the communiqué said, and these perilous stretches are hindering somewhat the Eighth Army's advance.

Fighter-bombers continued to make extensive raids on Rommel's transport and scores of vehicles were hit, it was reported. An ammunition dump also was hit. During the night, the Allied planes kept up their strafing of the weary German troops.

"Axis forces are continuing their retreat from the Agheila position while maintaining weak rearguards which offer only slight opposition," the communiqué said.

While the advance in Tripolitania went forward, Allied bombers ranged far ahead of the retreating Rommel and blasted some of the Axis footholds in Tunisia toward which he was heading.

The communiqué reported that Allied bombers made their most successful attack on the harbors of La Goulette and Tunis Sunday night. The Allied planes were over the targets for four hours and scored hits on at least three ships at La Goulette, setting all on fire, the communiqué said.

La Goulette is about nine miles east of Tunis.

A southbound Axis merchant vessel was hit by a torpedo from a plane on the same night and the fire which followed a violent explosion spread along the entire length of the ship, it was said.

In addition to setting three ships afire at La Goulette, the British bombers started fires on La Goulette island and near the main docks at Tunis. One of the fires could be seen for 100 miles, it was reported. Tunisian railways also were raided.

British fighters, presumably operating from Malta, shot down two north-bound German planes near Lampedusa island, midway between Malta and the coast of Tunisia, the communiqué said.

Only two British planes were reported missing after these widespread operations.

Senate Favors Salary Hike for Civilians

Washington, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Senate unanimously passed legislation today increasing the salaries of more than 1,500,000 Government Civilian Employees throughout the nation.

The message went to the House, where action could be taken only by unanimous consent in view of the absence from Washington of more than a quorum of its membership.

Under the measure, time and a half would be paid thousands of workers for work hours above 40 hours a week, while a flat 10 per cent increase in pay would be paid thousands of workers for work hours above 40 hours a week, while a flat 10 per cent increase in pay would be granted certain Government workers, including Congressional and Judicial employees and Postal workers employed on a mileage or other bases.

Minority Leader McNary (Ore.) announced that in view to the resolution he would object to the consideration of any bills of a controversial character, or of any more which had to go to the House.

Even as the lawmakers prepared to end the historic session which saw war declared against the Axis after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, leaders made plans to convene the 78th congress January 6.

President Roosevelt said he would deliver his message in person to a joint house—Senate session on Jan. 7, and members speculated he would review the course of the war and might discuss also the problems of world reconstruction and his views on the peace.

Credentialed of John McClellan to Senate

Washington, Dec. 15 (AP)—Senator Caraway (D-Ark.) today presented to the Senate the credentials of Senator-Elect John L. McClellan of Arkansas.

The colder snow gets after reaching a temperature just below freezing, the more friction there is between it and skis, so skiing is best when the snow is just at the freezing point.

Germans Seize Offensive in Stalingrad Area

—Europe

By EDDY GILMORE
Moscow, Dec. 15 —(AP)—With dive-bombers, tanks and infantry attacks sprung out of a rolling fog, the Germans have seized the offensive momentarily southwest of Stalingrad, but the Russians declared today that the attacks which cost the Nazis 1,600 men were checked after initial gains.

On the snow-piled battlefronts northwest of Moscow the Red Army's attack rolled on, overrunning a German trench line west of Rzhev and capturing a hill near Veleki Luki despite the pressure of German counterattacks.

Descriptions of the scene of the fierce fight southwest of Stalingrad indicated that it might be near Kotelnikovski, on the Caucasus rail line 90 miles southwest of the long-besieged Volga stronghold.

(Military observers in London said the German onslaught probably was aimed at freeing German forward forces from their endangered salient east of the Don.

(These sources noted that the counter-blow had been three weeks in the making and said the Russian offensive on the central front had pinned down the Nazis there and forced them to bring up troops from deep in the rear for their relief attack.)

The Russians reported hand-to-hand bayonet and grenade fighting in the fog which shrouded the battlefront, and declared that the Nazis were checked despite the support they got from dive-bombers.

The midnight communiqué said the attack cost the Germans 1,000 men, and the noon war bulletin said 600 more were killed in four waves of attack.

They were described as probably the strongest counterattacks by the Germans since the Russians began their winter offensive.

West of Rzhev the Germans rushed in new reserves and launched a wave of attacks but the Russians said they sent their feeble back six times, killing about 400.

Despite the continuing bitterness of the struggle in and around Stalingrad, workmen protected by guns of the Red Army have repaired almost four miles of railway track and trains have been able to move over them for the first time, a dispatch to Izvestia, the government newspaper, said today.

The counterattacks southwest of Stalingrad were a continuation of the German push that caused a Soviet setback yesterday.

No new place names have been mentioned lately in dispatches but the last time fixed directions were mentioned the Russians were moving down the Tikhovsk railway toward Kotelnikovski.

The present German attack is declared to be in the northern fringe of the Kalinkov steps, level enough for tank operations. This was regarded here as the factor which allowed the Germans to exert the pressure in the one sector.

Would Abolish State Job for the Duration

Little Rock, Dec. 15 —(AP)—A state employee recommended today that his job be abolished for the duration.

Gene Rhodes, supervisor of apprentice training for the labor department, said in a report to Labor Commissioner W. J. McCann that there was no need now for a state apprentice-training supervision program and "this expense can hardly be justified in the face of needed economy in government."

"Young men of apprenticeable ages are being inducted into the armed forces, thus making it next to impossible to establish agreements covering two, three or four years," Rhodes said.

"Also, employers are now engaged in a struggle to increase production and every available mechanic is needed at his own job, making correct supervision of apprentices scarce."

McCann said he would recommend that no appropriation be made for the job.

Old Chapel Bell Offered As Scrap

Washington (AP)—When the Boston firm of Paul Revere and Sons repaired the old King's Chapel bell yoke in 1818 the Revere family did not know the yoke would serve in another war for freedom.

The metal yoke has been donated to the Boston Salvage Committee by the trustees of King's Chapel, according to salvage drive officials.

Bulletins

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 15 —Layning groundwork for an indicated court appeal, the Southwest Power Pool today offered and had rejected by Wxaminer Frank A. Hampton of the Federal Power Commission a detailed comparison of rates charged by it and the REA-sponsored Ark-La cooperative for power supplied the government's Lake Catherine aluminum plant near Malvern.

The technical maneuver occupied most of the morning of the second day of the FPC's investigation into the rates and other details of the Power Pool's contract with the defense plant corporation which operates the aluminum plant.

NAZIS BOMB BRITAIN
London, Dec. 15 —(AP)—A small number of German warplanes bombed points on the northeast coast of England during the night and some damage and casualties were reported.

EXTEND TRADE PACT
Berlin (From German Broadcasts), Dec. 15 —(AP)—The Berlin radio said in a Helsinki dispatch that the Finnish-German trade treaty had been prolonged yesterday until the end of 1943.

QUAKE IN TURKEY
Ankara, Turkey, Dec. 14 —(Doyle)—(AP)—President Ismet Inonu of Turkey escaped injury Friday when an earthquake destroyed some 600 houses and, according to first reports, killed 25 persons in Corum while he was visiting there.

RAF BOMBS JAPS
New Delhi, Dec. 15 —(AP)—RAF aircraft bombed Japanese-occupied villages along the Kaladan and Mayu rivers in Burma yesterday and made an offensive sweep in the Myittha valley.

Air Liner With 20 Passengers Said Missing

Salt Lake City, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Wreckage of a Western Airline's transport, which carried 19 persons, was located today about two miles from the emergency landing field at Fairfield, Utah.

Casper Wolf of Provo, Utah, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, sighted the wreckage from the air and landed his small craft nearby.

Wolf said most or probably all of those aboard were dead. Ground parties were sent to the scene.

Fairfield is about 50 miles south of Salt Lake city, in semirugged Cedar Valley where the plane was last reported heard while enroute to Los Angeles from Salt Lake City early this morning.

Los Angeles, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Western airlines announced today that a passenger liner with nearly 20 occupants was missing on a flight here from Salt Lake City.

The craft took off at 1:05 a.m. (MWT) and was last reported 15 miles west of ER.C.A.A. station at Fairfield, Utah.

Leo WerlKotte, executive vice president of the line, said an air search was being organized. He said there was no radio contact with the craft after the takeoff.

Reported Finnish Peace Officer Denied

By The Associated Press
Reports that Finland had made advances for peace through Sweden met an official denial in Stockholm.

Scandinavian quarters in London said yesterday that Russia's second winter offensive had spurred new talk of peace in a war-weary Finland.

Motor Coach, MOP Schedules Frozen

Little Rock, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Bus schedules between Memphis and Texarkana via Little Rock, operated by the Missouri Pacific and Arkansas Motor Coaches systems, have been frozen by government order.

The Office of Defense Transportation said the lines had been instructed not to increase their present number of round-trips and Mo Pac had been directed to discontinue one of its five daily round-trips between Little Rock and Texarkana.

Between Little Rock and Memphis this leaves seven trips by each between Little Rock and Texarkana five by Arkansas Motor Coaches and four by Mo Pac.

Londoners smoke more than 160,000,000 cigarettes a year, in normal times.

Some Are Landed Despite Losses; Allies Take Buna

—War in Pacific

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Americans, stormed into Buna village yesterday and heavy fighting raged about the Japanese-held Buna Mission to the east today while Allied bombers smashed at new enemy invasion expeditions put ashore by a strong cruiser and destroyer force at two points farther up the New Guinea coast.

The Americans slashed their way into the village five days after the capture of Gona, 12 miles to the northwest. These were the main bases of the foothold established by the Japanese last July 23 in their closest thrust toward northeast Australia.

(War front dispatches reaching Melbourne said the Allies were squeezing the Japanese from three sides on the central sector of the Gona-Buna battleground, with Australians pressing in from the left, Americans from the right and both Australians and Americans attacking through the center at Sananda Point, above Buna village.)

Despite the frightful cost in men and supplies inflicted upon the new Japanese landing operations, a headquarters communiqué indicated some reinforcements were put ashore by the heavily protected convoy standing off the mouths of the Kumusi and Mambare rivers, some 20 and 40 miles, respectively, north of Buna.

In heavy bombing and strafing attacks, the enemy's landing barges were sunk or disabled. "Survivors attempted to reach land by swimming, suffering heavy casualties. Supplies were afloat. Several hits and many near misses were made on the war vessels."

"The enemy's air force intervened unsuccessfully, an enemy bomber and two fighters being shot down and the remainder dispersed. It is believed that the major enemy effort was largely parried."

U. S. Bombers Again Raid Jap Base at Munda

Washington, Dec. 15 —(AP)—The Navy announced today that American air forces in the South Pacific had poured more bombs on the Japanese air base at Munda on New Georgia Island on December 14, the fifth day of such attacks.

The text of Navy communiqué No. 220 follows:

South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude)

1. On December 14 U. S. air forces continued to attack the Japanese installations and airfield which are being constructed in the Munda area of New Georgia Island.

(A) Seven army "Flying Fortresses" (Boeing B-17) attacked the area during the morning.

(B) Later in the day a striking force of Douglas "dauntless" dive bombers and Grumman "Wildcat" fighters attacked the same objectives.

(C) No enemy air opposition was encountered during either attack.

Suicide of French Fleet Said Complete

By The Associated Press
Vice Admiral Emile Muselier, former commander of the Fighting French naval forces, said in London that a careful study of photographs of Toulon harbor indicated that the destruction of France's "suicide" home fleet was virtually 100 per cent complete.

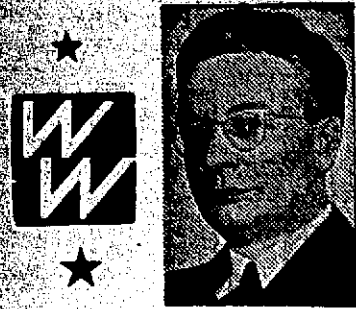
In contrast to Navy Secretary Frank Knox's statement that 20 French warships were apparently intact in Nazi hands, Admiral Muselier declared:

"One may say with certainty that the French fleet of Toulon no longer exists."

8 SHOPPING DAYS TO Christmas

WAR BONDS • STAMPS

Rommel Seems to Have Lost His Touch of Magic



By DEWITT MACKENSI E
 Cairo, Dec. 14 (Delayed) —
 Marshal Rommel's withdrawal
 from El Agheila is not a matter of
 surprise since it was a fore-
 gone conclusion that a terrific
 weight of air power could be thrown
 against him.

The battle is still too young to
 give much clue as to what stand
 the Nazi Marshal may make in
 new positions. As for the British
 and Allied forces, I returned only
 a few days ago from the desert
 front, where I found the highest
 possible confidence among all
 ranks.

The troops were eager to fight
 and when you have an army with
 morale like that you can perform
 wonders with it.

On the other hand, the Nazi mar-
 shal seems to have lost the fineness
 of touch which, prior to his recent
 debacle at El Alamein, had re-
 scued him from uncomfortable
 spots and brought him victories.

Marshal Rommel's famous Afri-
 ca Corps and his Italian units had
 for some days been displaying ex-
 treme nervousness behind their de-
 fenses at El Agheila. Gen. Sir Ber-
 nard L. Montgomery's bombard-
 ment and persistent prodding of
 the Axis line for weeks spots were
 given warnings that he was set for
 action and would strike like light-
 ning the moment he discovered the
 opening he sought. Axis fears were
 registered clearly in wild bursts of
 artillery fire and continual use of
 flares to light the desert by night.

The Boche had ample reasons
 for their fears. Indications are that
 the Nazi marshal is weak in all
 parts of his fighting machine.

The fact is that Hitler assigned
 Rommel to do a holding operation
 which may be suicidal. Somewhere
 in Tripolitania the marshal is sup-
 posed to make a stand in an effort
 to halt the eager British Eighth
 Army and the British and Ameri-
 can air units. His task is to hold
 until his master can realign Nazi
 forces for the defense of Europe.

Nazi hopes, menatime, it will
 be possible to pierce the Allied a-
 erial and sea blockade and provide
 reinforcements for the hard-
 pressed Axis in both Tripolitania
 and Tunisia.

One of Rommel's greatest weak-
 nesses is in the air. As at El Al-
 amein, so now at El Agheila the
 British and American air fleets
 hold heavy superiority. His de-
 fenses at El Agheila and, more im-
 portant, his communications have
 been blasted day after day by
 bombing which he couldn't stand
 off. Hitler hasn't been able to spare
 warplanes because of the tremen-
 dous pressure being put on him in
 western, southern and eastern Eu-
 rope by Allied air units. His great-
 est strain is of course on the Rus-
 sian front, where the amazing Red
 Army has intensified its offensive
 and is hurling great air units into
 the conflict. Thus we have a grand
 example of what coordination among
 various theaters can achieve.

One of the most striking features
 of the Eighth Army drive has been
 the manner in which supplies of
 all categories, including even
 drinking water, have been rushed
 to the scene of action over hun-
 dreds of miles of desert. Many of
 the so-called roads literally have
 been little more than wheel tracks
 in fluid sand.

Funeral for Tom Bryant on Wednesday

Funeral services for Tom C.
 Bryant, 47, ex-fire chief of Hope
 who died Sunday at his home here,
 have been set tentatively for 2:30
 p. m. Wednesday, pending the ar-
 rival of a son who is with the arm-
 ed services.

Services will be held at the fam-
 ily home. Burial will be in Rose
 Hill Cemetery in charge of the
 Masons.

He is survived by his parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bryant of Hope,
 his widow's five daughters, Hazel,
 Jean and Mrs. Glendon Huckabee
 of Hope, Mrs. Foster City and
 Dorothy Bryant of Little Rock, a
 son Fred Bryant of Norfolk, Va.,
 a brother, Jewell Bryant and a sis-
 ter, Mrs. C. C. Robinson of Texas.

Bankers to Hold War Bond Meeting

Stuart Wilson, president of the
 State National Bank of Texarkana,
 Ark., will meet bankers from Hope,
 Prescott and Blevins at a confer-
 ence in Hope city hall at 5 o'clock
 Wednesday afternoon to discuss
 support of the government's 9-bil-
 lion-dollar Victory Loan campaign,
 now reported past the 6-billion-dol-
 lar mark.

The campaign is directed in this

area by the St. Louis Federal Re-
 serve bank, which up to December
 10 had reported sales of 34 million
 dollars for the St. Louis district.
 Subscriptions for the Victory Loan
 are sought from non-bank investors.

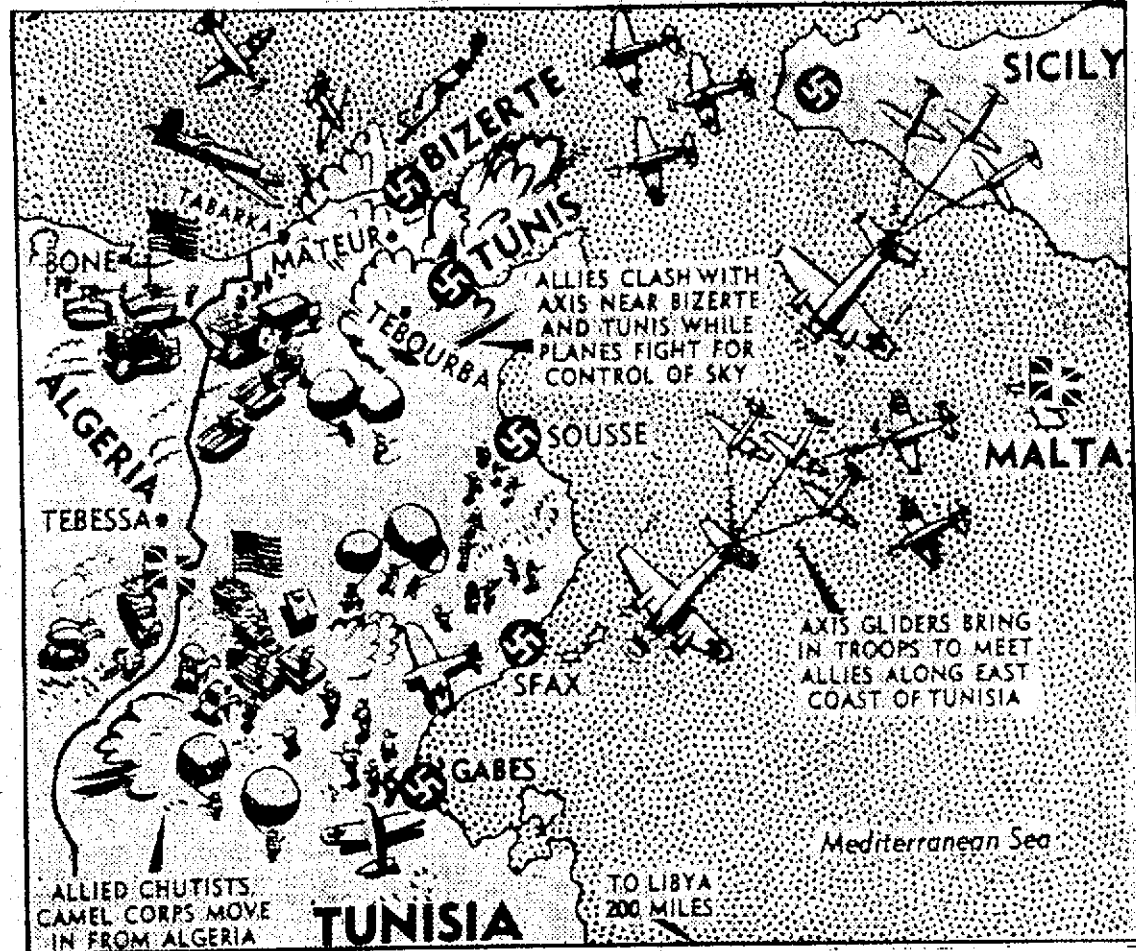
Cotton Ginnings for County Show Big Gain

Census report shows that 13,285
 bales of cotton were ginned in
 Hempstead County from the crop
 of 1942 prior to Dec 1 as compared
 with 8,135 bales for the crop of 1941.

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Armies From the Sky



John L. Lewis to Invade Rail Workers

Washington, Dec. 15 (AP)—Dis-
 trict 50, the miscellaneous unit of
 John L. Lewis' United Mine Work-
 ers, is ready for a large-scale or-
 ganization of railway labor.

Ora Gasaway, district president,
 confirmed this today but insisted
 it was to meet a demand by the
 rail workers themselves.

"To my knowledge," said Gas-
 away, "there are thousands who by
 resolution and petition have asked
 this office for affiliation." He said
 he did not know whether they be-
 longed to the APL, the CIO, the
 independent brotherhoods or were
 unorganized.

"Railroaders," he said, "will tell
 you the brotherhoods are a farce.
 They tell me they haven't ren-
 dered service. The railroad men
 throughout the country want one
 union affiliated with an organiza-
 tion that will help them stand up
 and fight their battles."

United Mine Workers is a
 natural for them. We are the most
 natural set-up there is in the coun-
 try for them. We dig the coal. They
 haul it."

Asked about reports that the
 UMW was preparing to send 600
 organizers into the railway labor
 field, Gasaway said if that was
 done it would be on a voluntary
 basis. Cities in which he said the
 demand for organization by the
 UMW has been made, included
 Pittsburgh, Chicago, Detroit,
 Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis,
 and Toledo.

Congress to Convene Jan. 6 Rayburn Says

Washington, Dec. 14 (AP)—
 Speaker Rayburn said today con-
 gressional leaders had agreed to
 convene the 78th congress Jan. 6
 and that President Roosevelt would
 deliver his message in person to a
 joint session of the Senate and
 House Jan. 7.

The president was told, Rayburn
 said, that historic 77th congress
 would adjourn Wednesday of this
 week, "or certainly not later than
 Thursday."

The White House conference was
 attended by Rayburn, Vice Presi-
 dent Wallace, Senate Majority
 Whip Hall (D-Ala.), and Rep. Mc-
 Cormack (D-Mass.), the House ma-
 jority leader.

While plans for adjournment of
 the 77th congress and convening
 of the 78th appeared to be definite,
 they must be embraced in a House-
 Senate resolution to make them
 final.

Rayburn gave no indication of
 points the president might discuss
 in his message. He explained that
 the president would appear Jan. 7
 because the sixth would be given
 over to organization matters in the
 House and Senate.

Rayburn was conceded to be cer-
 tain of re-election as speaker, and
 the choice of Senator Barkley (D-
 Ky.) to serve another term as Sen-
 ate Democratic leader appeared to
 be a foregone conclusion.

President Roosevelt was report-
 ed standing pat in his opposition
 to any change in farm parity price
 formulas.

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK
 National Stockyards, Ill., Dec. 15
 (AP)—(U.S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs,
 15,000; active; weights over 170 lbs.
 opened 5-10 higher; later 15 - 20
 higher than average Monday; light-
 er weights and sows strong to
 mostly 10 higher bulk good; and
 choice 180 - 270 lbs. 14.10 - 20; top
 14.25; a few early 14.05; 270 - 300
 lbs. 14.00-15; 160 - 170 lbs. 13.85-
 14.00; 140 - 160 lbs. 13.35-85100-
 130 lbs. 12.35 - 13.10; sows 13.25-
 65; stags 13.75 down.

Cattle, 4,000; calves, 1,500; heif-
 ers slow; other slaughter cattle
 steady; medium and good steers
 13.50-13.75; common and medium
 cows 9.00-11.00 medium and good
 sausage bulls 10.50 - 12.00; vealers
 50 lower; good and choice 15.00;
 medium and good 12.50 and 13.75;
 nominal range slaughter steers
 10.50-16.25, slaughter heifers 9.50-
 15.50, stocker and feeder steers
 9.00 - 13.75.

Sheep, 3,500; no early action.

NEW YORK STOCKS
 New York, Dec. 15 (AP)—Invest-
 ment buying broadened on a selec-
 tive basis in today's market and
 pushed up favorites fractions to a
 point or more, a number to New
 Year's highs.

Prices, a bit uneven at the start,
 stiffened later although top marks
 were reduced in the final hour and
 many leaders continued to loaf in
 the minus division. Low - quoted
 issues, most of which were virtual-

ly unchanged, came out in sixable
 blocks and again bolstered vol-
 ume. Transfers for the full pro-
 ceedings approximated 700,000
 shares, another of the largest turn-
 overs in more than a month.

The fact the market had main-
 tained its equilibrium in the three
 preceding sessions encouraged bid-
 ders, brokers suggested, on the
 thought assorted pivots may have
 been oversold and that tax selling,
 which has been much lighter than
 such adjustments last December,
 was being absorbed without a
 great deal of trouble. Hopes for the
 usual year - end rally inspired a
 certain amount of bullishness. Scant
 motivation was discerned in the
 war news.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE
 Chicago, Dec. 15 (AP)—Poultry,
 live 33 trucks firm; market un-
 changed.

Butter, receipts 589,672; firm;
 prices as quoted by the Chicago
 price current are unchanged.

Eggs receipts 1,002; firm; prices
 unchanged.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
 Chicago, Dec. 15 (AP)—An un-
 spectacular but persistent advance,
 featured by a scarcity of offerings,
 lifted wheat prices about 2 cents
 today. All contracts established new
 highs for the season. Other
 grains reflected the action of the
 bread cereal and closed on sub-

stantial gains.

Continued strength in the cash
 market, where wheat prices are
 the highest since 1937, had a fa-
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 ing. Despite the comparatively high
 level of cash wheat, which is above
 the government loan price, there
 has been no material pick-up in
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 Apr.-opened, 18.60; closed, 18.49
 Middling spot 20.49N; off 3
 N-Minimal

Free Picture for Children December 22

Tickets will be mailed out today
 to eight thousand school children
 in the Hope trade territory for the
 Annual Free Christmas Picture
 Show, given by the Saenger and
 Rialto Theaters and the merchants
 of Hope, on Tuesday, December
 22nd.

This is the fourth free Christmas
 picture show given to the school
 boys and girls of this vicinity.

The feature picture this year will
 be "The Man from Montana" with
 Johnnie Mack Brown, and there will
 be two shorts in addition to the fea-
 ture. The same program will be
 given at the Saenger and Rialto
 Theaters. The first show will begin
 at 2:00 a. m. and the second show
 at 10:30 a. m. Tickets will be good
 at either theater.

The children living in Hope are
 asked to attend the first show, if
 possible, and leave room for those
 who come in from other schools to
 be comfortably seated at the sec-
 ond show.

The owners of the Saenger and
 Rialto Theaters furnish the show
 entirely free, the operators donate
 their services in putting on the
 show, and the Chamber of Com-
 merce has the tickets printed and
 distributed and meets all other ex-
 penses of this entertainment, which
 has brought Christmas happiness to
 thousands of school children and
 has proven one of the finest means
 of creating good will for the busi-
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Happy Landing for French Naval Craft



NEA Service Telephone

This photo, radioed from London to New York, is the first picture to reach the U. S. of any of the French naval craft which escaped from Toulon when most of the fleet was scuttled on November 27. This French sub, its "Free and Fighting crew waving and tri-color flying, is shown arriving in Algiers. Four subs of a fleet of 19 escaped, 3 to Allied held-ports in North Africa and one to interment at Barcelona. It is supposed the Nazis got 15-ships.

Washington, Dec. 15 (AP)—Pres-
 ident Roosevelt today nominated
 Senator Josh Lee (D-Okla.), who
 was defeated for re-election last
 month, for membership on the
 Civil Aeronautics board.

Lee would succeed George Bak-
 er, who resigned and is expected
 to undertake a mission abroad.

Ed H. M. Moore, a Republican,
 scored a surprise victory over Lee,
 who had served only one term in
 the Senate after a term in the
 House of Representatives.

Now 50 years old, and a vetera-
 n of the last war, Lee was known as
 the "boy orator" at one time. In
 1919 he headed the public speak-
 ing department of the University of
 Oklahoma.

Mr. Roosevelt also nominated
 Oswald Ryan of Indiana for re-
 pointment to the aeronautic board.

OPA Studies Milk Problem of Southwest

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 15 (AP)—Find-
 ings of an Office of Price Admin-
 istration survey of the milk price
 situation in the Southwest will be
 made public "as soon as the re-
 sults of the investigation are cor-
 related and an Administrative Delet-
 mination reached," the region
 OPA office said today in a state-
 ment.

The statement reported a short-
 age of milk in Texas, Louisiana,
 Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and
 Missouri "in the sense that there
 is not enough milk available to
 meet the total demand."

There is no reason to believe
 that either the Military or Civilian
 user will not be able to obtain
 milk needed for essential uses, the
 statement added.

possibly four.

A message received from the
 commanding general of the New-
 foundland base, released by the
 EDC, said:

"Numerous telegrams received
 concerning hostile fire indicate
 needless anxiety for U. S. person-
 nel. There are three known dead,
 possibly four."

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Successful
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stepped into the street to halt an
 automobile driven by Officer Wil-
 liam Danner.

The blackout had its light side
 too.

Residents of Fairmont, Minn.,
 figured their participation was 200
 percent perfect because their
 blackout lasted twice as long as
 scheduled. Local officials couldn't
 get through to state control for "all
 clear" so Fairmont had a 41 min-
 ute instead of a scheduled 10-min-
 ute test.

At Dodge City, Kas., local war-
 dens were happy to find one care-
 less resident. A glow from his radio
 set could be seen through a win-
 dow. A blackout baby was born at
 Scottsbluff, Neb., four minutes af-
 ter the air raid signal sounded.

Basil Nelson Heads Burial Association

Little Rock, Dec. 15 (AP)—Basil
 Nelson, Fayetteville, was moved
 up from vice-president to presi-
 dent of the Arkansas Burial Asso-
 ciation yesterday.

W. H. Irby, rector, secretary-
 treasurer, said the association con-
 templated sponsoring no legisla-
 tion in the 1943 general assembly
 unless bills it disliked were intro-
 duced.

The secretary was told, regard-
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 paper had stated that the Japa-
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SOCIETY

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor

Telephone 768

All society news must reach this office by 10 a. m. to insure publication the same day.

Social Calendar

Monday, December 14th
The Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church, the church, 8 o'clock.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet at the church for a Mission Study, 2:30 o'clock.

The Young Business Women's Circle of the First Baptist church will meet in the home of Mrs. M. S. Bates Monday evening, 7:30. Transportation will be provided from the church for those who do not have cars.

The Little Moon Christmas program will be held at the home of Mrs. Hugh Jones, 7:30 p. m. Transportation will be provided from the church.

Tuesday, December 15th
The American Legion Auxiliary, the Legion hall, 2:30. Each member is asked to bring a Christmas gift for exchange.

The Food and Nutrition classes including the first 3 groups and the last class will meet Tuesday evening, 7:30, in the basement of the First Methodist church for a Christmas cookery demonstration. Demonstrations will be given by all food and nutrition instructors. Miss Mary Claude Fletcher urges all interested to attend as credits for certificates will be given.

The Gleaners, Alathann, and Berean classes of the First Baptist church will have their annual Christmas party at the church, 7:30 o'clock. All members are invited to come.

Wednesday, December 16th
Mrs. Hollis Luck and Mrs. O. A. Graves will be hostesses to the Jett B. Graves Sunday school class at the First Methodist church at the home of the former, 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all members.

Thursday, December 17th
Lilac Garden club meeting, home of Mrs. J. A. Henry with Mrs. S. G. Norton, cohostess, 8 o'clock. Members are asked to bring gifts for exchange at this Christmas meeting.

The public is invited to attend a Christmas service "The Nativity" arranged by Rosamond Kimball at the High School auditorium Thursday at 1:10 p. m. The Library club.

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with the assistance of other pupils, is presenting the program.

Friday, December 18th
At the Hotel Barlow, members of the Service class of the First Christian church will entertain with a Christmas dinner, 8 o'clock. Each member is asked to bring an inexpensive gift.

New W S C S Officers are Installed at Christmas Program

All members of the Women's Society of Christian Service met at the First Methodist church Monday afternoon for the installation of new officers of the society.

Mrs. R. M. Briant gave the devotional and read a memorial to a former member, the late Mrs. Horace Jewell.

The following officers were reported by the nominating committee:

President, Mrs. H. O. Kyles; vice-president, Mrs. B. W. Edwards; Recording secretary, Mrs. T. S. McDowell; Mrs. R. M. LaGrone, Sr., and Miss Marie Briant; Treasurer, Mrs. T. R. Billingsley; Secretary of Social Relations, Mrs. Harry Hawthorne; Secretary of Education, Mrs. J. A. Henry.

Secretary of Student work, Mrs. J. G. Martindale; Secretary of Children's work, Mrs. R. B. Moore; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. A. B. Patten; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Dolphus Whitten, Sr.; Chairman of Spiritual life, Mrs. R. M. Briant, Mrs. D. B. Thompson.

New circle leaders appointed include: Circle 1, Mrs. Charles Parker and Mrs. L. W. Young; Circle 2, Mrs. W. C. Miller and Miss Marie Briant; Circle 3, Mrs. R. D. Franklin and Mrs. Edwin Ward; Circle 4, Mrs. C. D. Lauterbach and Mrs. J. P. Byers.

The Rev. R. B. Moore, pastor, was in charge of the impressive ceremony used in installing the new officers.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Mrs. Graham Entertains Christmas Church Council

Circle No. 1 of the Women's Council of the Christian church met at the home of the leader, Mrs. Ernest Graham, on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

After a brief business period, the leader presented a beautiful Christmas program. Mrs. Walter Carter gave the inspiring devotional, "The Meaning of the Christmas Star" was interestingly related by Mrs. Millard Baggett.

In conclusion, Mrs. Graham gave a book review of "The Other Wise Man" by Van Dyke.

The hostess served a salad course to the guests.

Unit 2 of Christian Council Meets Monday

A meeting of Unit 2 of the Women's Council of the First Christian church was held at the home of Mrs. Floyd Porterfield Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Oliver Adams, circle chairman, presided at the business session. The devotional was given by Mrs. Malcolm Porterfield.

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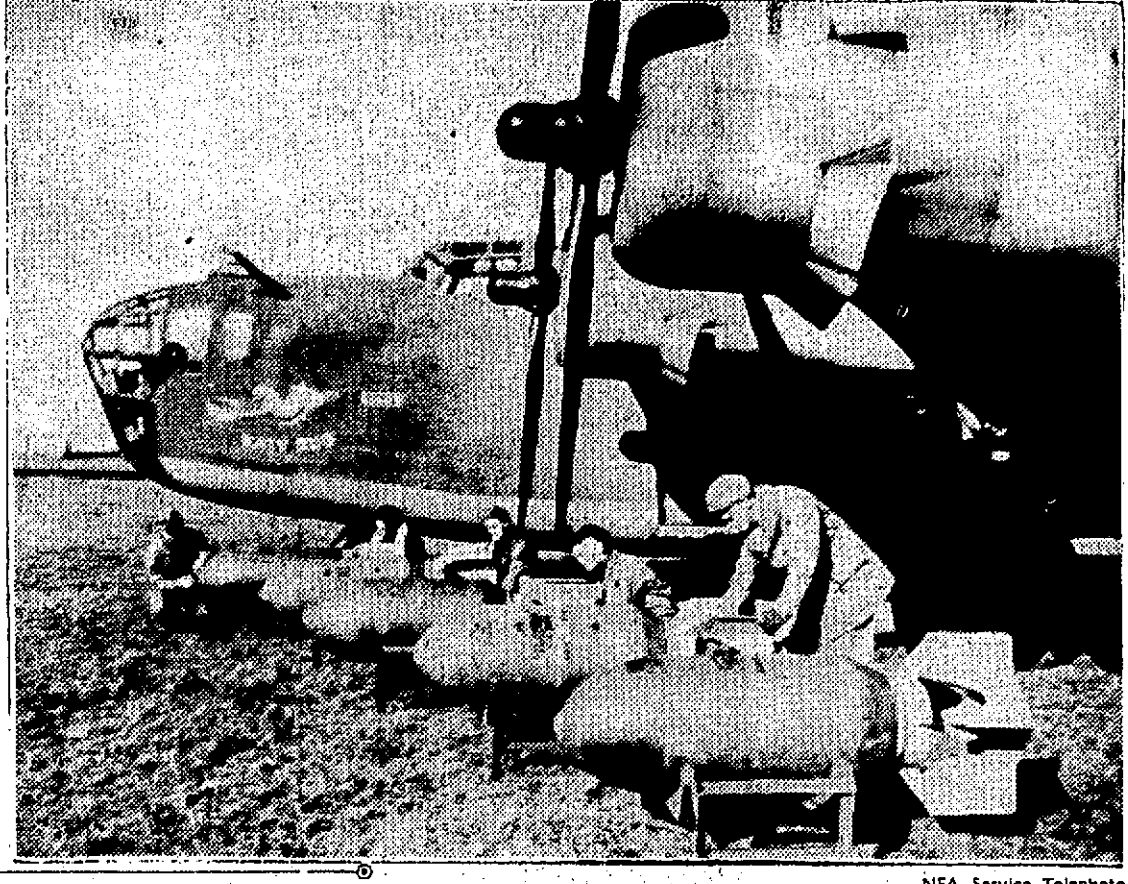
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Here is Adolph's Fears—"American Liberators"



Hollywood

By ROBBIN COONS
Wide World Features Writer

Hollywood—Whether it's punch-drunk with the times or merely playing the old game of follow-the-leader, our town is knocking itself out on these allstar pictures.

Most of the lots have at least one "colossal" on the cookstove, dramatic or musical, getting ready to dish up celluloid—so jam-packed with stars that somewhere in the melange every fan can find his favorite.

"Tales of Manhattan" started it this time, but the "all-star" business is nothing new. Twenty-two years ago C. B. DeMille served a star-studded dish called "The Affairs of Anatole." Many of the

mittee and minutemen. Shover Springs Monday, December 14th at 10:00 a. m. at community house—includes the following neighborhoods: o d s, Centerville, Oakgrove, Rocky Mount, Green Laseter and Harmony.

Thursday, December 17 at Sweet Home Church at 10:00 a. m. with the following neighborhoods, Union Grove, Marlbrook, Possum Hollow, Yancy and Sweet Home. At the Friendship Church at 2:00 p. m. Monday, December 21st, including McCaskill, Avery's Chapel, Belton, Bruce Chapel, and Friendship.

December 22nd, at Washington at School at 10:00 a. m.—Washington.

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The first photo from England of "All-American aerial offense combination" now blasting Axis turge to on the continent; the new 1,000-pound American made bombs, finned and primed, being loaded into the giant American-built "Liberator" at a U. S. Army Air Corps station in England, to be flown by All-American crews. These ships are already famed and won new laurels flying with "Fortresses" to daylight attacks on Lille. 107-Nazi planes were destroyed or damaged without loss to the bombers.

names he featured are gone now, or mean little, but for 1920 they were cream of the cream: Wallace Reid, Elliott Dexter, Gloria Swanson, Wanda Hawley, Theodore Roberts, Theodore Kosloff, Raymond Hatton, Agnes Ayres, Mnoie Blue, Bebe Daniels.

Show people at the time raised a question about this made generosity. Wouldn't the fans, thus spoiled, expect every picture to be equally lavish in casting? Wouldn't they be bored when they saw a movie with merely one star, or two?

Well, the question was answered by Hollywood's continued prosperity through the 'twenties, but it was revived in 1932 when Metro shot the stellar works on "Dinner at Eight" and "Grand Hotel." The fans somehow kept on going to movies, even when they weren't overcrowded with stars.

If ever the question were pertinent, it is today. There've been isolated instances of pictures with many stars ("If I Had a Million," "Alice in Wonderland," etc.) but except for one year when enthusiasm for musicals created "Fox Movietone Follies," "Hollywood Revue," "The Show of Shows" and

stoooped and lifted the sick man onto his shoulder, and then without a word more made for the stairs.

"Have you guns for us?" asked Gunnar.

"Yes, I'll break in a few minutes."

"Hurry," Gerd whispered down at them.

Osterholm nodded, and still carrying the sick man, dashed out and across to the trees. He made it barely in time. When the path was clear again the shoemaker followed, hobbling across the snow, and after him, Gunnar.

One of the soldiers must have heard the men moving in the brush, for he called, "Who's there?" and when no answer came, fired into the darkness.

Gerd had one moment more to make up her mind, but then she saw the soldier coming toward the door, blocking her way out. She ran back along the hall to her room. Men were already tumbling down the stairs from the upper landing.

Among the trees, Osterholm gathered them around him. "I'll take Brategaard down that way," he said breathlessly, and pointed toward the left. "You, Gunnar, Kaare, down to the right, and get into town from the road. Sverre, get back to the men on the heights. If they try to come in toward the hotel they'll be trapped before they get to the garrison and the 200. Tell us to break and get through to Kjerlof on the north road."

The boy nodded and was gone. They heard troops running about in the inn. A light in the hallway was turned on. "Meet you at Malen's store," Gunnar called, and then he and the shoemaker slid off into the dark.

Osterholm lifted the sick man again. "I can make it, Knut," Brategaard kept saying. "I can make it. Let me down." The farmer paid no attention.

JUST as he was starting, it came, what he had been waiting for, and the cold ran down his back. Loud and clear in the night air, like some monstrous clock beating the hour, the church bell began tolling, sounding the alarm all the miles from the fjord to the north road. He smiled to himself, grimly and happily, seeing in his mind's eye the pastor, sweating and pulling at the rope with all his strength. Hardly a minute passed, and then from the south came a low, muffled roar, like a drum roll.

"There goes the bridge," he thought. "Tryve knows his work." From the square came the sharp

(To Be Continued)

Arkansas' Role in War Starts With First Victory at Home

Editors Note: This is the first of a series of three articles on Arkansas' first year in the global war. It is based on a day-by-day compilation of news developments of the state's contribution to the war effort.

By SMA G. HARRIS
Little Rock, Dec. 15 —(P)—Arkansas won its battle of the Home Front in the war's first year but not without considerable backing and filling before its some two-million inhabitants got more than "ankle deep in this struggle."

Like any Democratic commonwealth, Arkansas experienced some disturbing moments before it had shifted gears to a wartime tempo. But by July 15, the state had 13 war plants, nine air bases and two Army posts operating or under construction. Two Japanese relocation centers had been authorized and an enemy alien concentration camp was under construction. Another enemy alien camp was under construction by fall.

The first visible effects of the war were skyrocketing enlistment figures and war bond purchases before January 1. Mr. and Mrs. Arkansas and family dug deep in their pockets while their brothers and sons donned uniforms.

Measures of internal security were taken in the week following Pearl Harbor that later were somewhat relaxed but little zeal was misplaced. Bridges and strategic structures were placed under guard. Not until January 3 was a state guard commander named and the first units were set up in February. Civilian defense organizations were functioning by the time muster rolls of the militia were filled.

The man on the street clamored for a chance to fight back in those first agonizing days after Pearl Harbor. Typical outlets of war enthusiasm were the impromptu Penny-Plane clubs here and the Slap-a-Jap clubs organized at Jonesboro; the offer of a Hot Springs labor union of a \$50 reward for the first bomber pilot to fly over Tokyo.

The pinch of war, emotionally and physically, began to make itself felt in Arkansas before December was over although Arkansans generally were not aware of it. The first was the creation of the tire rationing board. Then stores at Fort Smith began to limit sales of sugar to individuals. Stores elsewhere soon followed suit. The Pearl Harbor casualty notices came in and draft quotas climbed — fore-runners of what was to come before the year expired.

By September, the manpower pinch was beginning to be felt from industrial and military viewpoints. By then, the problems of housing, transportation and schooling had mounted to a crescendo wherever a military post or war plant was located. But, Arkansas was taking it in stride.

The chronology of the war on the home front is filled largely with items of what the "little man" was contributing — or not contributing. Automobile speed limits were twice reduced. Man hours given gratis by war plant workers mounted into seven digit totals. A "black market" in automobile tires was charged before the year ended; food and gasoline hoarding was reported unofficially; the government commandeered an automobile graveyard when its junk production failed to meet expectations; one person was convicted of violating sugar rationing regulations. But, a tiny, two room school at Wesley obtained national recognition for collecting 2,133 pounds of scrap for each of its 27 pupils.

Out of the hundreds of thousands of words on the war in Arkansas, there emerges small items indicative of the general sentiment. Two all-Arkansas ordnance companies for the Army were organized, manned and officered by the automobile industry. A Miller County school district made news by applying for, and receiving, the smallest amount of war public project funds in the southwest — \$500. The colleges offered ground school courses for prospective aviators and the high school curricula were revised to prepare potential warriors and war plant workers for the job ahead. The Army-Navy "E" was awarded the Republic Mining and Manufacturing Company at Bauxite for excellent production.

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Washington

By JACK STINNETT
Wide-World Features Writer

Washington — It begins to look
as if we may at last get the low-
down on Puerto Rico.

There have been violent rumblings
that all is not well with our
island outpost in the Caribbean.
The political situation there has
been and still is a muddle and a
mess, with more verbal violence
than has taken place in any of our
states or cities for a good many
years. Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell,
governor of the island, has been
called "Rex, the Red," the "Red-
dish," Don Quixote of the New
Deal, and worse.

There have been reports and
charges that thousands of Puerto
Rican natives are starving; that
infant mortality is "beyond de-
scription"; that ships coming back
from the island have been weighed
down with ballast when they could
have brought sugar; that the food-
stuffs sent them are things which
they can't eat.

When Tugwell appeared recently
before the Puerto Rican legisla-
ture, 27 senators and representa-
tives "took a walk" and left his
session in an uproar.

The situation has finally come to
a head and the Senate, on a mo-
tion by Sen. Dennis Chavez (New
Mexico Democrat), is going to
look into conditions there. How-
ever, the Senate ordered its com-
mittee to confine itself to the food
storage and unemployment only.

Washington observers are get-
ting a snicker out of this limita-
tion on the committee's operations.
Handsomely, 50-year-old "Rex" Tug-
well has been under fire almost
from the moment he joined the
brain-trusters in the dark days of
the depression. There is no reason
to believe that the opposition sen-
ators will lay off him now that he
is in one of the worst insular
messes that World War II has
brought about.

Chavez is chairman of the sub-
committee. He has indicated that
he doesn't intend to spare the rod
in ferreting out the errors that
have brought Puerto Rico to grief.
The two other Democratic mem-
bers of the committee are Sen-
ators Homer T. Bone, of Washing-
ton, and Allen J. Ellender, of Louisi-
ana. Republican members of the
committee are Senators Homer T.
Bone, of Washington, and Allen
J. Ellender, of Louisiana. Republi-
can members of the committee are
Senators Gerald P. Nye, of North
Dakota, and John A. Danaher, of
Connecticut.

Senators Nye and Danaher are
vigorous opponents of the New
Deal and would be inconceivable
if either would pass an opportunity
to plaster one of its long-standing
stalwarts. Nye's reputation as an
investigator is well established but
those who have watched Danaher
on the Senate floor predict he'll
give an all-out performance in his
effort to uncover mismanage-
ment and incompetence in our
handling of Puerto Rico.

Capital observers say if you
think this committee is going to
confine itself to mere food short-
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of the Sikh state of India and
since 1928 interned in southern
India under orders of the Indian
government, died last night.

London, Dec. 15 —(AP)—William
Clifford Gaunt, 69, who pyramided
his father's loan of \$1,600 into a
\$400,000 fortune through a chain
of woolen mills and then lost most
of it in the depression, died last
night.

Accidental deaths in agriculture av-
erage about 4200 a year.

Hearings Planned by Game Commission

Little Rock, Dec. 15 —(AP)—A four-
man committee of the Game and
Fish Commission has been named to
hold public hearings on legisla-
tive proposals affecting the com-
mission's work. Dr. J. E. Smith,
Reyno, is chairman.
Secretary T. A. McAmis said the
committee would study proposals
to extend the closed season on bass
to other fish, to require a license
for general hunting including that
for squirrels and rabbits, and to
codify all game laws.

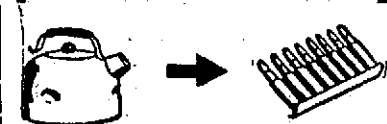
Giraffes stand approximately six
feet tall at birth.

Hold Everything



"I hope you didn't forget to
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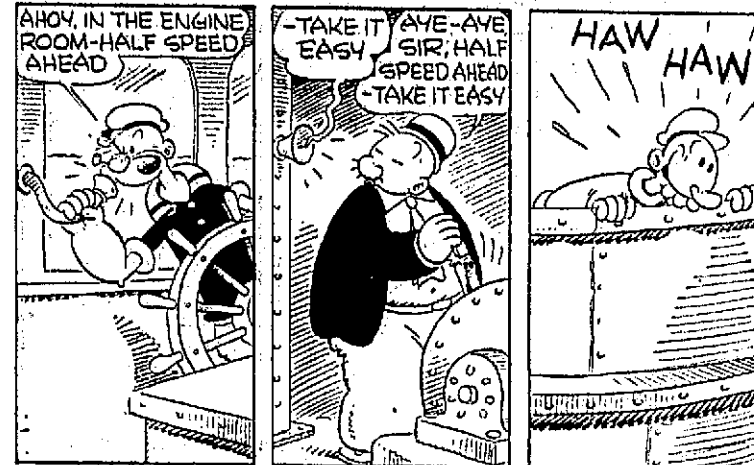
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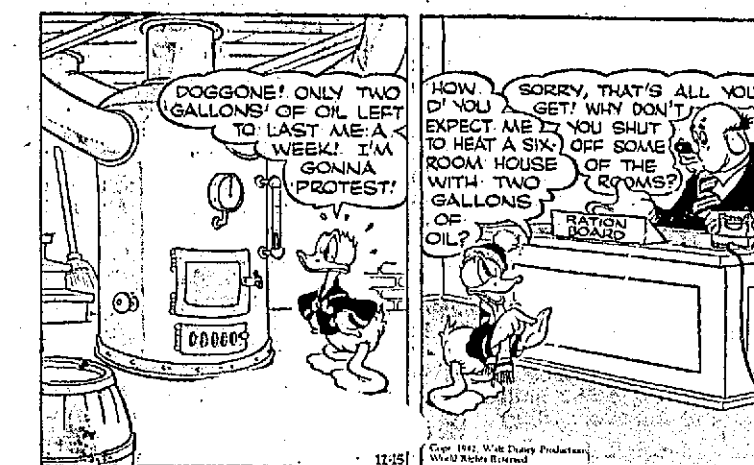
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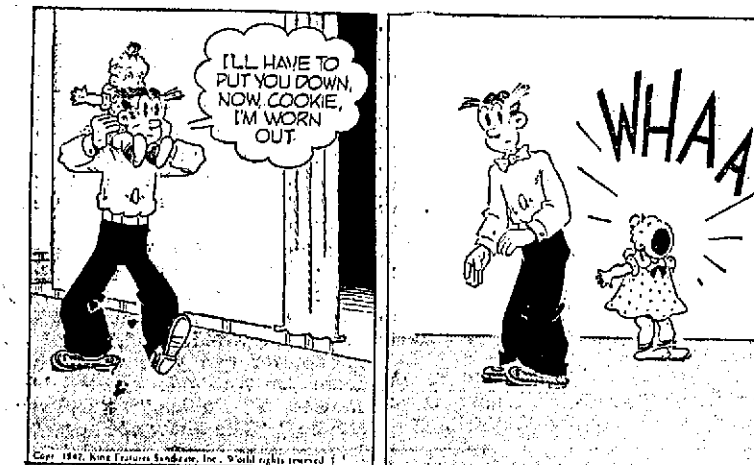
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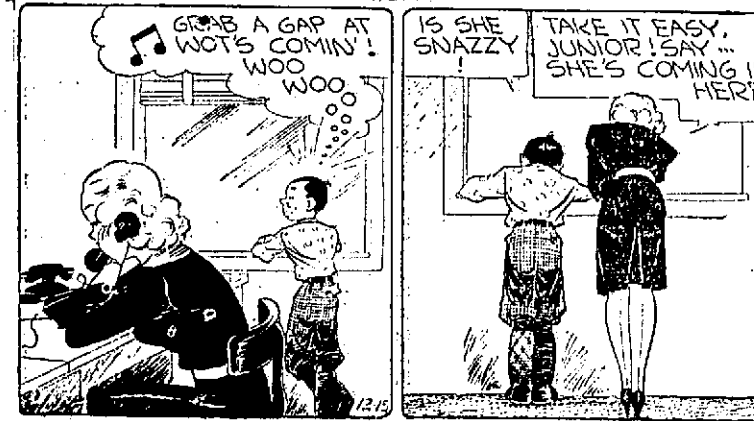
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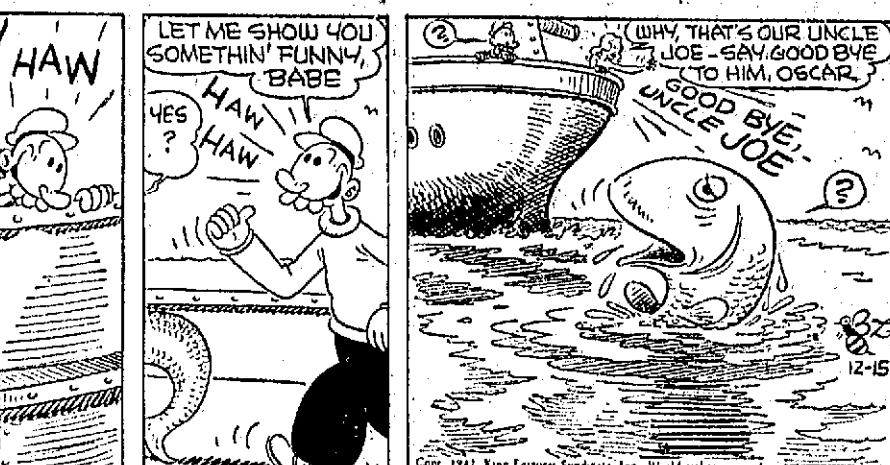
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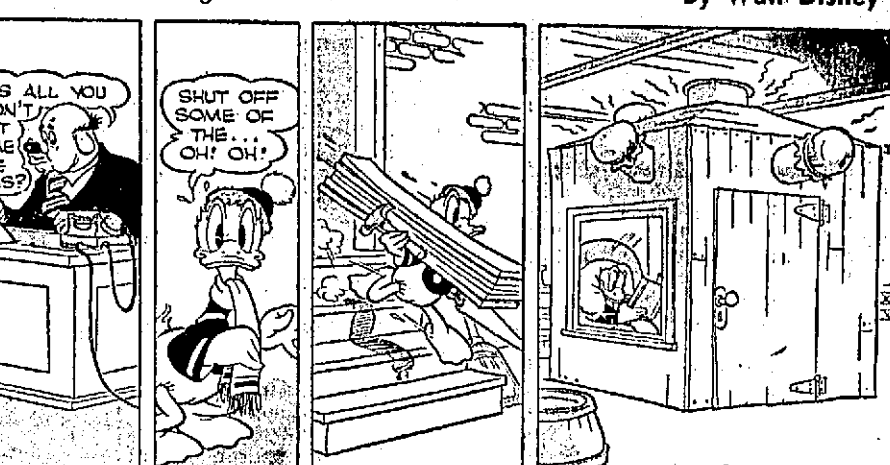
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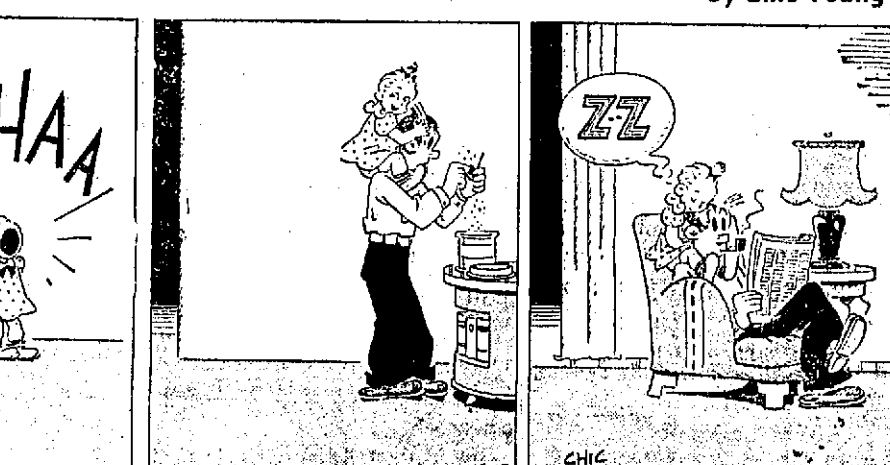
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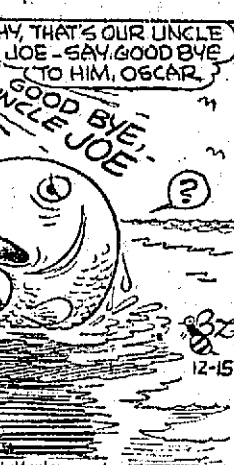
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By Roy Crane



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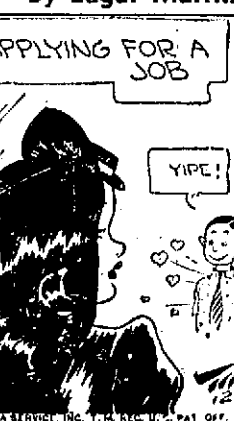
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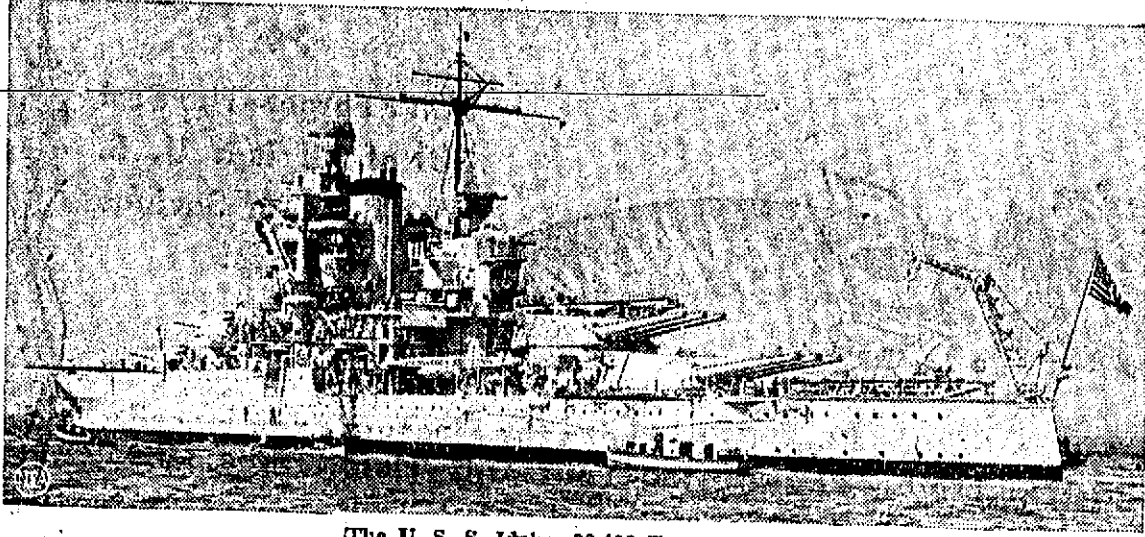
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Big Guns Still Mean Business



The U. S. S. Idaho, 33,400-Ton Battleship.

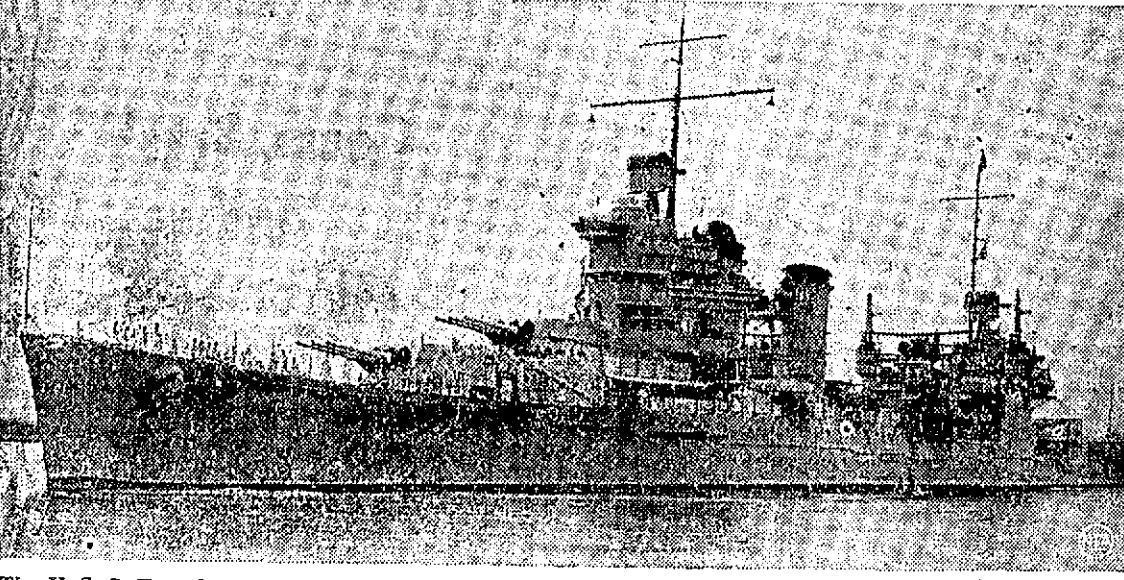
Big Guns still mean business on the 33,400-ton battleship Idaho despite her 25 years of age. Like her sister ships the Mississippi and New Mexico, the Idaho mounts 12 14-inch guns, along with 20 five-inch guns and numerous anti-aircraft weapons. The vessel was launched in 1917, just after U. S. entered World War I, but was not completed until 1919. The Idaho is 624 feet long, has a 14-inch armor belt amidships, makes 21½ knots, carries three airplanes and a complement of 1323. Italy claimed last October that an axis submarine sank the Idaho in the Atlantic off West Africa, but there has been no allied confirmation of this report.

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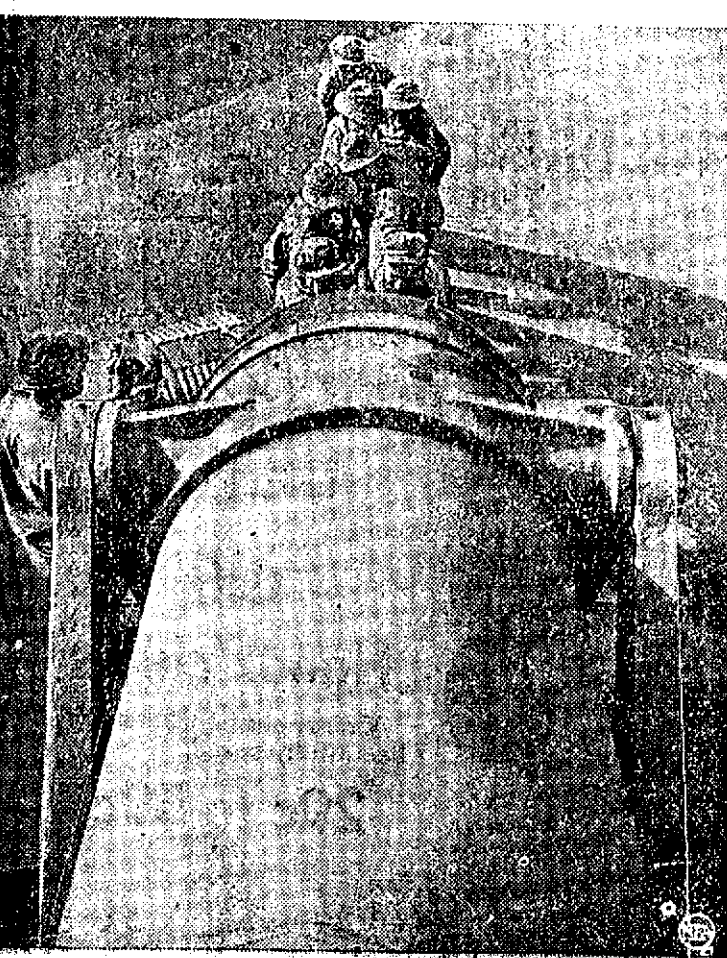
THIS WILL SLEIGH YOU. With the old out-burner coming back into his own, Nick Nero of Cleveland solves the winter transportation problem by hitching Dobbin to the sleigh. Nick's modern version of the livery stable does a thriving business.

A Key Cog In America's Fighting Navy



The U. S. S. Tuscaloosa, 9975-ton cruiser, sister ship of Minneapolis, New Orleans, San Francisco and three cruisers lost in Solomons, Astoria, Quincy and Vincennes.

Keeps Our Coast Safe



BIG BOOM. Skilled gun crew rams home the charge in a giant disappearing 12-inch gun at Fortress Monroe, Va. Such modern, long-range weapons help keep our coast safe. (Passed by censor.)

Trouble—Double Trouble



TWIN TROUBLE. Just put yourself in the place of the poor judges who found these three sets of identical twins among the Pasadena Rose Tournament queen contestants. What would you do? Well, so would we.

A Soldier's Sweethearts

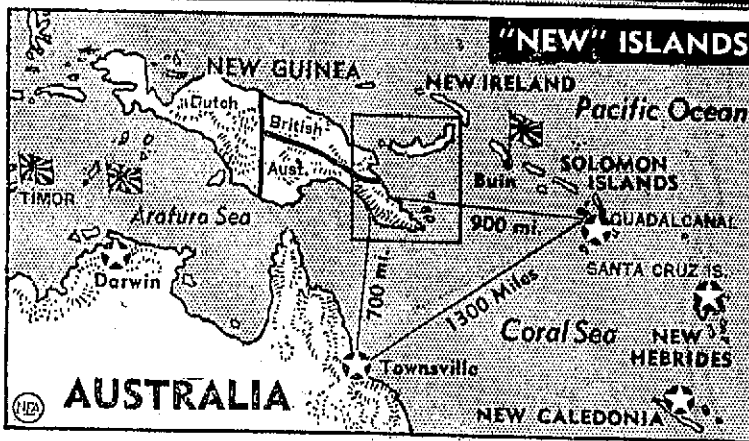
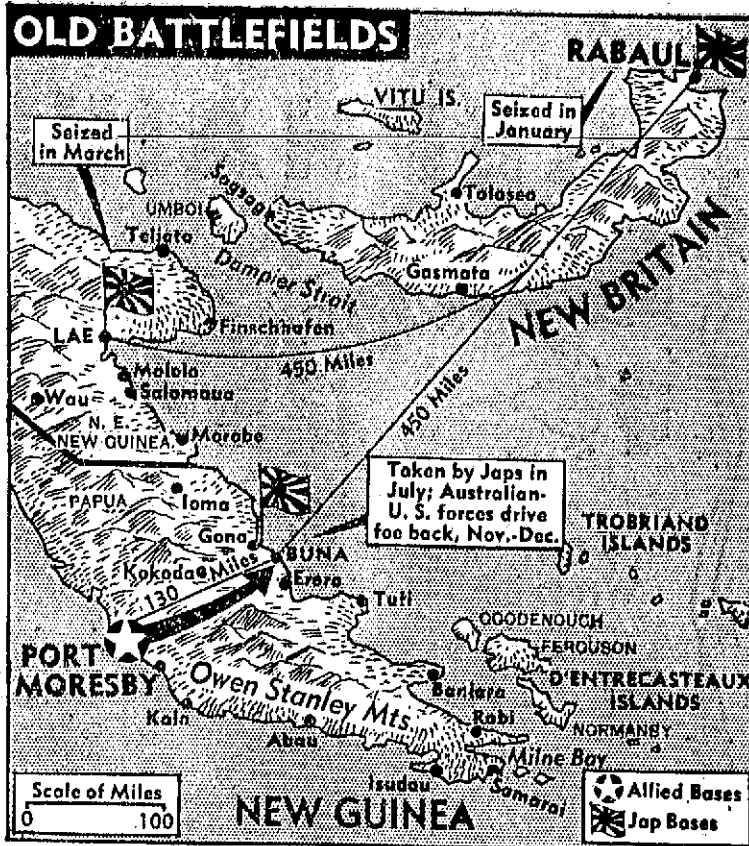


SOLDIER'S SWEETHEARTS. But there will be no jealousy, for Lieut. Owen Ward's sweetheart is Pamela Ann, his month-old daughter, and Mrs. Ward, the former Brenda Joyce, of the film,

Okay OPA, Take the Gas



OKAY, OPA. Take it from Texas, this gas rationing isn't so bad. Loretta Babin, left, Juanita Little and Edith Gatzman, Fort Art College students, simply pool their savings and hire a horse.



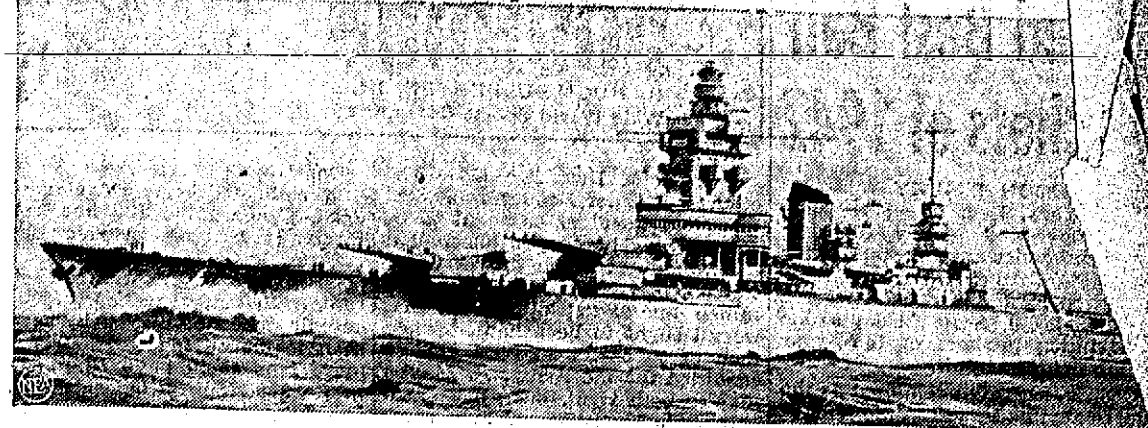
NEW GUINEA AND NEW BRITAIN are old names in the war news by now, with continuing clashes between allied and Jap forces keeping these islands in the headlines. Australian-American troops have driven the enemy to the beaches in the Buna-Gona area and our bombers are blasting Jap bases at Lae and Rabaul—supply points for action in southern New Guinea and the Solomons. New Guinea and New Britain are but two of many islands named by their European discoverers for a place back home with the prefix "New" added.

Something's Wrong Here



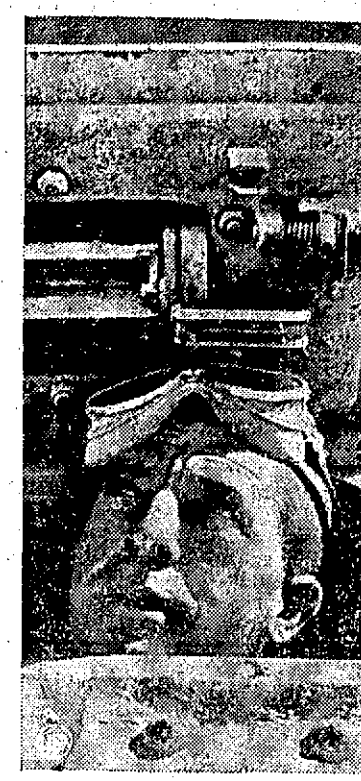
SOMETHING'S WRONG with this picture. Here you have Ulysses S. Grant V, great grandson of the famous general of the War Between the States, being toughened up at Fort Riley, Kans. Directing the toughening-up process is Sgt. John Keogh, whose two grandfathers took their orders from General Grant.

French Warship May Be Allied Prize



ALLIES' PRIZE? The big (35,000-ton) French battleship Richelieu reportedly is among the units of the French fleet now at Dakar. Negotiations are under way to have French war and merchant vessels in the African port placed at the disposal of the United Nations. The Richelieu was completed in 1940.

Up the Hatch



UP THE HATCH. Not a Nazi in sight, so a New Zealand soldier in the west African desert "unbuttons" the front of his American-built tank and pops up for a look-see.

Nursing the War Giants



NURSING THE GIANTS, which haul the nation's freight is the wartime job of many women. Mrs. Rose Penna, who's working on the railroad, spends her days polishing the mighty iron horses until they shine.

Your New Boss



YOUR NEW BOSS. To Paul McNutt has been given the tremendous task of allocating all U. S. manpower, both in industry and the armed forces.

He Lost—But Is Pleased



HE LOST. Mustached French commander of Moroccan shore battery, destroyed by naval fire when U. S. troops landed at Sidi, seems well pleased by outcome of fray. (Passed by censor.)

Cooper, Beazley Voted Best Ball Pitchers of 1942

By JUDSON BAILEY
New York, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Morris Cooper and Johnny Beazley, right-handed mound stars of the St. Louis Cardinals, received confirmation from the official figures of the National League today as the outstanding pitchers of the year in the senior circuit.

Cooper, already acclaimed as the most valuable player in the league, topped all pitchers in earned run average with a sensational 1.77 while finishing second in winning percentage. Beazley, the frosty-faced 21-year-old rookie who now is a corporal in the Army, was second in earned run average with 1.23 and first in winning percentage among pitchers participating in at least 10 complete games. Beazley's won-lost record was 21-6 and Cooper's 22-7.

A second classification in the averages, listing pitchers who appeared in a minimum of ten games, but not ten complete games, was topped by the Veteran Lefty Larry French of Brooklyn, who won 15 games and lost four while compiling a low earned run average of 1.82 per nine-inning game. In this same group Ace Adams of the New York Giants had a record of 1.84 and Max Macon of the Brooklyn Dodgers 1.93.

Cooper, 27-year-old Missouri farmer, compiled the most remarkable pitching record in a decade in the National League. His ERA was the lowest since Southpaw Carl Hubbell was in his prime for the Giants and set his mark of 1.86 in 1933. Cooper pitched ten shutouts and this also was the most any hurler had accomplished since Hubbell administered the same number of white washings in 1933.

In addition, Cooper scored the most victories, 22, and started the most games, 25.

Eleven pitchers appearing in at least ten complete games had less than three earned runs per nine-inning session. They were Cooper 1.77; Beazley 2.13; Curt Davis, Brooklyn 2.36; John Vander Meer, Cincinnati 2.43; Bill Lohrman, New York 2.47; Cliff Melton, New York 2.63; Ray Starr, Cincinnati 2.66; Bucky Walters, Cincinnati 2.66; Claude Passeau, Chicago 2.69; Lon Warneke, St. Louis and Chicago 2.73; and Whitlow Wyatt, Brooklyn 2.74.

Rated on winning percentage, the eleven leading pitchers with at least ten complete games were Beazley 21-6; Cooper 22-7; Lohrman 14-5; Wyatt 19-7; Davis 15-6; Melton 11-5; Vander Meer 18-12; Kirby Higbe, Brooklyn 16-11; Hubbell 11-8; Passeau 19-14; and Starr 15-13.

Any doubt about St. Louis having the best pitching staff was dispelled by the club records which showed the Cardinal staff as a whole with an earned run average of 2.55 compared to 2.82 for the Cincinnati Reds' fingers in second place.

Adams of the Giants set a couple of records for relief hurling—pitching in 61 games and finishing 48—but the figures showed the real workhorse of the season was Jim Tobin of the Boston Braves, who pitched the most complete games, 23, most innings 288, faced most batters 1,224, allowed the most runs 145, the most earned runs 127, and lost the most games, 21. He also found time one day to hit three home runs in one game.

Two Philadelphia hurlers dominated the lack of control department, John Podgajny hitting the most batters, 11, and Reuben Frank (Rube) Melton handing out the most bases on balls, 114, and making the most wild pitches.

French had the longest winning streak—ten games at the start of the season—and also one of the five one-hit games of the year. There weren't any no-hitters. Passeau gave up the most hits, 224, and Vander Meer led in strikeouts for the second straight year with 186.

Chicago and Cincinnati, by using six pitchers apiece in the 18-inning first game of a doubleheader August 8, set a record for the number of pitchers used in a single game. The old mark was 11.

One of the interesting revelations of the figures was that Lohrman, Cliff Melton and Higbe tied for the best record of winning complete games. Counting only the contests that they started and finished, each won 11 and lost only one.

Pro Grid Leagues Adjourn Annual Meet

Washington, Dec. 15 —(AP)—The National Football League, the professional Gridiron's major loop, adjourned its regular December meeting yesterday without holding the annual draft of graduating college players. It was the first time a seven seasons that the draft has been passed up at the December session.

Owners of the 19 clubs, or their representatives, met with Elmer des league commissioner. A discussion concerning the war-time future, they agreed "subject to the call of the session lasted less than two it was known before the that nine club owners favoring off the draft, because the players graduating service anyway.

Owners voted unanimously to continue operations during "subject to whatever conditions might

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 15 —(AP)—The other day Chief Bender remarked that "old men" of 40 ought to be able to play big-league baseball if they could keep their nerves under control, and Navy Lieut. Jim McMillen the ex-rassler added that we all ought to be ashamed when men of 38 aren't in good enough condition for the Army. Maybe they're both right, but since baseball obviously is easier than combat fighting, we'll merely add our two bits worth to the chief's idea. Baseball may become a game for 40-year-olds before very long and as a columnist approaching that age, we don't see why they couldn't make those 20-yard sprints between bases or even run twice as far after a fly without losing very many limbs. Of course, they'd look pretty bad in comparison with youngsters a step or two faster, but wasn't Jack Quinn still pitching for Brooklyn when he was supposed to be anywhere from 50 to 150 years old? And you'll probably be surprised at how many sprightly young ballplayers finally admit this year that they're over 38.

Scouting Reports
When Georgia's Frankie Sinkwich and Columbia's Parul Gervani got together at the recent Heisman Trophy Clambake, they recalled their first meeting when the Bulldogs played the Lions here last year. Frankie had been told that if he got past the Columbia safety man he could score standing up, so he was quite surprised when Gervani overhauled him on a long run. "I was told you weren't that fast," Sinkwich said as they got up. Gervani looked at the harness Frankie then was wearing to protect his busted jaw. "I was told you couldn't talk," he replied.

Ark-La Handed Two Setbacks in Hearing

Little Rock, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Utilities selling electricity to the Lake Catherine aluminum plant were handed two setbacks yesterday in the first day of a Federal Power Commission investigation into rates charged the plant by the ten-company power pool.

First, the pool's legal counsel was taken by surprise at the very start when the commission's lawyers failed to make a statement of the case and Examiner Frank A. Hampton directed the pool to present "all the facts" without preliminaries.

The utility attorneys immediately obtained a recess to reorganize their strategy. Later after a most continual belkering over other details, the pool legal staff tried to introduce for comparison the rates charged the war plant by the REA-sponsored Ark-La Co-operative which supplies part of the plant's electricity. Hampton denied this request, declaring:

"Whether the rate charged in the Ark-La contract is just or not, really is not material. We might, perchance, get to that next in an investigation."

"If you cut me off now, you deny me a fair hearing," protested Pool Attorney Richard L. Arnold.

"I've heard that before," Hampton replied. The hearing was called on the commission's initiative to look into rates the utility combine charges the defense plant corporation, operators of the aluminum plant.

Western Conference to Carry On Football

New York, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Western conference members have decided to carry on football even if they have to play nearby small college teams to cut down travel. Paul Brown, Ohio State coach, told members of the Ohio Society of New York last night. Brown said he believed that the physical training provided by college athletics never was more necessary than now.

Henry Has Easy Time With Victory No. 13

San Francisco, Dec. 15 —(AP)—Victory No. 13 on his highly successful comeback trail was just another breeze for Henry Armstrong who stopped Saverio Tauriello of New York last night in four rounds. The Los Angeles Negro, who once held three world titles, had the New Yorker against the ropes for a nine count in the fourth before the referee stopped the scheduled 10-round bout. Armstrong weighed 144, Tauriello 148.

Warmath to Aid Tennessee Line

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 15 —(AP)—Murray Warmath, line coach at Mississippi State, has been called on to assist Head Coach John Barnhill in training Tennessee's line for the Sugar Bowl grid battle with Tulsa New Year's Day. Warmath was an all-conference lineman at Tennessee several years ago. Barnhill will take a squad of 39 players to the Sugar Bowl.

Too many little blue boys are blowing their horn.

One-Minute Sports Page

Since the Oklahoma Aggies hit town, Coach Hank Iba has eaten lobster six times in five days. It must have been the day he doubled up that he went on the radio with the suggestion that basketball should be played by seven-man teams on bigger courts so more fans could have the seats they want right on the sideline. The St. Louis Browns sent 1,024 baseballs to service men during the 1942 season although the fans only tossed back 912 from the stands. Fred Fitzsimmons was offered a contract by the Giants after he turned down the Montreal managerial job, but instead he took a salary cut to stay in Brooklyn. His bowling emporium must have had something to do with that decision, for he's supposed to be making more dough of it than out of baseball.

Mental Upsets
One of the most reasonable explanations we've heard for all the football upsets (possibly including what happened to the Bears Sunday) was advanced by Buff Donnell of Duquesne, who says he's seen it happen to his own teams all too often. "When a good team gets behind," says Buss, "it tries to catch up all at once. The boys get worried and, knowing they can score, they try to do it in a hurry instead of taking their time. They go in for passes, trick plays, etc., and as a result they don't get anywhere."

Today's Guest Star
Jimmie Murphy, Canton (Ill.) Daily Ledger: "Blue, gray, white and black are listed on the Cuba, Ill., high school basketball squad. The team should be a colorful one, especially since most of the players are said to be green."

Gas Rationing May Control Auto Tax

Little Rock, Dec. 15 —(AP)—The type of gas rationing sticker on a man's automobile may control the amount of tax he must pay on it next year.

Members of the Arkansas Assessors Association meeting here decided to adjust their assessments to the value the vehicle is to its owner, not just its value within itself. Joe B. Thomason, Arkadelphia, was elected president, and J. C. Pettigrew, Fayetteville, vice-president.

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press
Philadelphia—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, 144 3-4, New York, stopped Al Nettlow, 147, Jacksonville, Fla., (3); Al Tribiani, 147, Wilmington, Del., outpointed Mayon Padlo, 144 3-4, Philadelphia (8). Washington, D. C.—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn., stopped Aponti Torres, Puerto Rico, (7). (Featherweights).

New York—Jimmy Carollo, 192 1-2, Corona, L. I., outpointed Sanders Cox, 184 3-4, Dallas, Tex. (8).

Detroit—Willie Joyce, 135 1-2, Gary, Ind., stopped Leo Rodak, 137, Chicago (4); Benny Goldberg, 122 1-2, Detroit, knocked out Lou Transperanti, 121 1-2, Baltimore (4).

Baltimore—Jackie Wilson, 147, California, outpointed Kid Cocoa, 146, New Haven, Conn. (10).

Newark, N. J.—Larry Lane, 190, Trenton, N. J., outpointed Earl Lowman, 191, New York (10).

Providence, R. I.—Sal Bartolo, 129, Boston, outpointed Davey Crawford, 125, New York (10).

Holyoke, Mass.—Jose Basora, 152, Puerto Rico, knocked out Ernie (Cat) Robinson, 146, New York (8).

San Francisco—Henry Armstrong, 144, Los Angeles, stopped Saverio Tauriello, 148, New York (4).

Chicago—Jimmy Reeves, 185, Cleveland, stopped Johnny O'Brien 183, Calumet City, Ill. (7).

Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press
Today A Year Ago—California governor ordered cancellation of Santa Anita Race meeting; Rose Bowl game between Duke and Oregon State transferred to Durham, N. C., after Army refused to permit play at Pasadena, Calif.

Three Years Ago—Al (Bummy) Davis knocked out Tippy Larkin in fifth round of New York fight.

Five Years Ago—Sammy Baugh and Gaynell Tinsley selected by coaches for National League all-star team in their first year of pro football.

Today in Congress

By The Associated Press
Senate may receive adjournment resolution (meets 11 a. m., Central War Time). Labor subcommittee hears Dr. George Baehr, civilian defense medical chief, on manpower (9 a. m.).

House Routine meeting (11 a. m.) Yesterday Senate In recess.

House Passed resolution setting Jan. 6 as the date for convening of the 8th Congress.

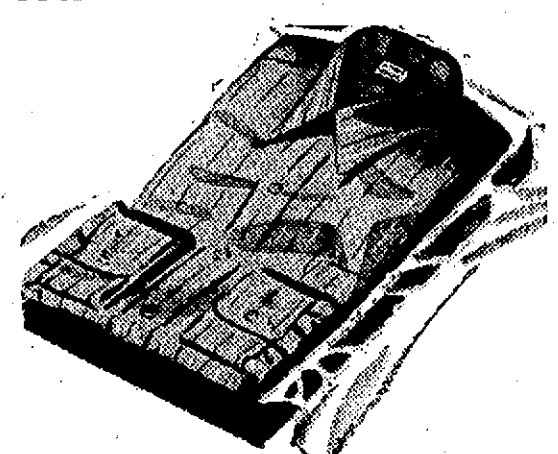
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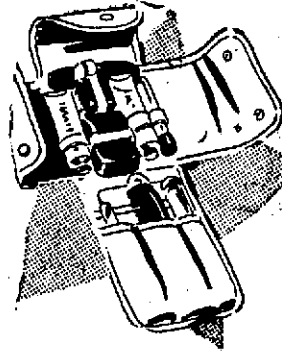
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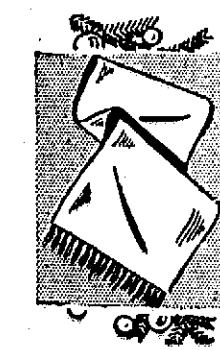
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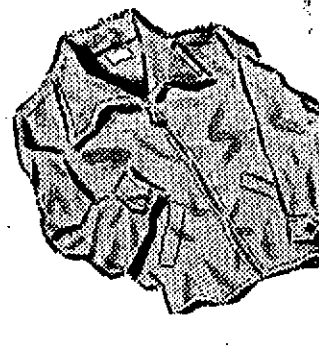
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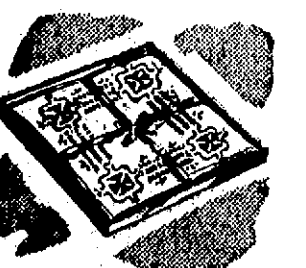
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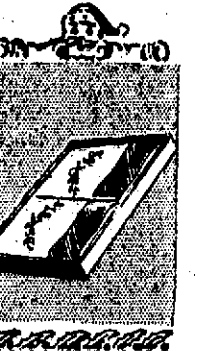
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